

# SPORTS & FITNESS

B SECTION

## On Post

### Soccer/Track & Field

Sign-ups for Child and Youth Services Spring Soccer are now being accepted. Children between the ages of 4 and 14 can sign up starting April 1. Track & Field sign-ups have also begun for children who turn 6 by May 31 and will not turn 19 before Aug. 10. Coaches are also needed for both sports.

Registration is at Fort Stewart CYS, Bldg. 443, Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 767-2312 or 767-2143.

### Intramural volleyball

Sign-ups have started for the Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield Intramural Volleyball League. Teams are allowed up to 12 players, including the coach, and units are allowed one team each.

Units that want to participate can sign up for the Stewart league. Call 767-8238 or 767-8326. Hunter units can call 352-6749.

### Golf Course

Taylor's Creek Golf Course offers Senior Blitz on Thursdays with a 9 a.m. tee off. The course also offers a Dogfight Tournament at 7:30 a.m. and Men's Blitz at 1 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

### Consultations at Newman

The Newman Physical Fitness Center now offers free personal training consultations. Consultations consist of health screenings (body fat assessments), exercise prescription and nutritional counseling.

Consultations will be given on an appointment basis only. For more information, call 767-2771.

### Marne tournaments

A 9-pin, no-tap tournament will be held the first Saturday of every month at Marne Lanes.

Sign up starts at 6:30 p.m. Bowling starts at 7 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person.

Cash prizes will be awarded. The tournament is sponsored by the Fort Stewart Women's Bowling Association. For more information, call 767-4866.

### Volleyball tourney

A single-elimination volleyball tournament for Stewart and Hunter teams will be held at Fort Stewart March 15 through 18. Active duty teams of up to 12 players, including coaches, can participate. The registration fee is \$50. The field is limited to 20 teams.

For more information and to register, call 767-8238 or 767-8326.

### Hunter Youth Sports

Sign-ups for T-Ball, ages 5 and 6; coach pitch, ages 7 and 8; and baseball, ages, 9 and 10, 11 and 12 and 13 and 14 are going on now. Children must be registered with Child and Youth Services to participate.

Sports fees are \$20 for the first child and \$18 for each additional child in the family. Uniforms are provided. For additional information, call 352-5708 or 352-6075.

### Hunter Bowling

Hunter Lanes fifth annual Sweetheart Tourney is scheduled 1 p.m. Sunday and is open to all. Games include scotch doubles, nine-pin, and no tap alibi. Cost is \$25.

If you're interested in having your sports articles, commentaries or briefs posted in The Frontline, call 767-3440, or fax at 767-5979. Deadline is noon on Fridays.

## Hellcats down Quartermasters, 43-38

Sgt. R. James Piper

Staff Writer

Despite a slow start, the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment Hellcats took the win from the 226th Quartermaster Battalion Thursday, 43-38.

"The season is going pretty well despite a couple of losses," said Brian Wilkins, Hellcats coach. "We've added three new players, and for the most part, the team has gelled really well."

Leading the assault for the Hellcats was Shooting Guard Antonio Jones, who scored 14 points against the Quartermasters.

The game got off to a slow start as both teams' defense kept the score low throughout the first half. With two minutes left in the first half the score was tied at 13.

A three-pointer gave the Quartermasters the lead, but the Hellcats bounced back and gained the lead with a four-point drive as the first half began to wind to a close.

The Hellcats drive ended the first half, giving the Hellcats a small lead at 17-16.

"We typically have a slow start at the beginning of the game, but we come on strong in the second half," Wilkins said.

The Quartermasters eagerly took the lead back with a three pointer. The Hellcats retaliated and on the way up were fouled. Sinking one of the buckets brought the score to 18-19 with Quartermasters in the lead.

With 11 minutes left in the second half, the Hellcats had tied the game at 20, and with less than 10 minutes had begun to pull away from the Quartermasters, 24-20.

"We wanted to contain their shooters and keep the ball on the outside perimeter because we knew they really had only one big man," Wilkins said.

The gap continued to expand as the Hellcats brought their lead up to seven with eight minutes left in the half.

The Quartermasters rallied and narrowed the lead 27-25 with more than six minutes left. But the Hellcats were quick to keep the points coming as they worked hard to stop the Quartermaster's offense and expanded their lead to 33-27.

The Quartermasters went on an eight-point drive with a little over three minutes left in the half, bringing the score up to 38-35.

The two teams fought back and forth as the last two minutes of the half started to come to a close, but the Hellcats maintained their lead to gain the win, 43-38.



Sgt. R. James Piper

Players from the 3/69 Armor Hellcats and 226th Quartermasters collide as they go up for the ball during an intramural basketball game Feb. 12 at Newman Physical Fitness Center. The Hellcats went on to win 43-38.

## Daytona 500 puts Army in the fast lane

Spc. Lorie Jewell

ARNEWS

DAYTONA, Fla. — Last year in Iraq, Sgt. Maj. of the Army Ken Preston spent the NASCAR season cheering for Matt Kenseth in car #17.

His allegiance shifted gears this racing season. Preston voiced his loyalty to the Army's team just a few hours before actress Whoopi Goldberg dropped the green flag to start the Daytona 500 Sunday.

"I have to root for Joe," Preston said, grinning.

That's Joe Nemechek, who steered the Army's black and gold Chevy into sixth place before nearly 200,000 fans. Kenseth finished ninth in the Nextel Cup race many fans refer to as the Super Bowl of racing.

Nemechek was enlisted into the Army's NASCAR service toward the end of the last season, following a May wreck that left the Army's original driver, Jerry Nadeau, with a brain injury. Nadeau, who is recovering, stays in regular communication with Nemechek and the team.

"Jerry's doing great, he called to



Spc. Lorie Jewell

Roughly 180,000 fans watch as NASCAR driver Joe Nemechek keeps the Army's car near the front of the pack during the Daytona 500. Nemechek finished sixth out of 43 cars.

wish us luck," said crew chief Ryan Pemberton. "He's still a part of this team."

Pemberton said Nadeau recently ran some laps on the short track of the Concorde, N.C., speedway and did "extremely well." The hope is to get Nadeau racing again, possibly by the end of this season, Pemberton said.

Nemechek, 40, is determined to finish this season in the top 10.

"I think we can do it," he said, two days after finishing seventh in Feb. 12's qualifying race that determined starting positions for the 500. "We've been working very, very hard and our performance so far shows that."

With a desert camouflage uni-

form-clad G.I Joe doll riding shotgun, Nemechek held steady in the 500, keeping the Army's 01 car near the front of the pack for nearly all of the race's 200 laps. He was about two car lengths behind defending Daytona 500 champion Michael Waltrip on lap 71 when a 12-car crash on the backstretch sent Waltrip's car flipping into the infield. Nemechek roared through the middle of the ensuing chaos unscathed. Waltrip walked away after rescue workers extracted him from the mangled mass of metal that was once his #15 Chevrolet.

Not long before the race began, Nemechek met with a group of future Soldiers in the Delayed Entry Program. He offered the teens encouragement for their upcoming service and pledged to do the Army proud in this year's NASCAR season.

Preston also met with the youths during a tour of an Army interactive display set up inside the speedway near the entrance to the track. He shared his thoughts about the Army's role in Iraq.

See DAYTONA, Page 2B

## Mercyhurst stops Black Knights, 6-3

Goarmysports.com

Special to The Frontline

WEST POINT, N.Y. — Mercyhurst scored four goals in the second period, erasing a one-goal deficit en route to its second win over Army in as many days, 6-3, Saturday night at Tate Rink.

The Black Knights fell 5-2 to their Atlantic Hockey Association rival Friday.

Jon Boyle scored a power play goal.

He also assisted on Army's final tally of the day to lead the Black Knights.

Chris Casey briefly gave the Black Knights (11-12-3/5-10-3 AHA) and the 1,620 fans in atten-

dance something to cheer about.

He made a breakaway count with 7:19 left in the second period.

That goal gave Army its only lead of the game, 2-1

Michael Picone put in the Black Knight's last goal with 4:25 left in the game, but it was too little, too late.

Mercyhurst's Rich Hansen finished off a 2-on-1 break, capitalizing off an Army turnover at the blue line, to put the visiting Lakers in front for good 3-2 at 12:40 of the second period.

Scott Champagne tacked on another before the period ended.

He added his second marker of the game two minutes into the third as Mercyhurst (16-11-2/13-5-1 AHA)

took a commanding lead, 5-2.

David Wrigley capped a five-goal run for the Lakers on the power play with 12:56 left in the final period.

Brad Roberts made 17 saves in goal for Army.

He was relieved with 7:04 left in the game by senior Bill Moss, who stopped two shots. Lakers' netminder Andy Franck stopped 30 of 33 shots for the visitors.

Army hits the road Friday for Storrs, Conn., and its first meeting this year with the Connecticut Huskies.

The Black Knights will play UConn three times in a 15-day span beginning Friday. Game time is set for 7:05 p.m.



Courtesy photo

Michael Picone scored one goal in Army's 6-3 loss to Mercyhurst Saturday



*Spc. Lorie Jewell*

**A member of the Army's NASCAR team gets ready to change a tire on the 01 Chevy driven by Joe Nemechek in the Daytona 500. Nemechek roared to a sixth place finish in the Nextel Cup race.**

## DAYTONA

from page 1B

"The Soldiers really are making a difference. What they're doing will make a real difference in the Middle East in the next 50 years," Preston said, drawing parallels to actions that began bringing democracy to much of Europe decades ago. "It's coming from Soldiers on the ground, just like you're going to be."

The sergeant major of the Army looked over several hands-on activities with Lt. Gen. Anthony Jones, deputy commander of the Training and Doctrine Command, and Lt. Gen. Dennis Cavin, commanding general of the U.S. Army Accessions Command.

The trio later met with Nemechek in the garage area and watched the beginning laps of the race from the pit area.

Soldiers in battle dress and desert camouflage uniforms commanded plenty of attention at the racetrack. Race fans frequently stopped them to shake their hands and thank them for their service. The opening ceremony featured several dozen Soldiers from the Florida Army/Air National Guard carrying American flags on the infield.

Preston greeted the crowd before country singer LeAnn Rimes brought them to their feet for the National Anthem. He then joined Cavin and Jones with a handful of Soldiers in the pit, where they greeted President George W. Bush. The commander in chief spent a few minutes with his troops, during which time Preston handed him a Warrior's Ethos dog tag, before meeting with drivers on the inside edge of the infield. Bush paid particular attention to Nemechek and National Guard driver Greg Biffle, who finished 12th. Nemechek later said he told the president he was proud to represent the Army in the race.

Two weeks after returning home from Iraq, Spc. Lindsay Carpenter, 244th Air Defense Artillery of the 101st Airborne Division, and Spc. Nick Cadle with the 2nd Battalion, 124th Infantry Division of the Florida National Guard, shook hands with the president before watching the race from the pit area.

"It was awesome," Cadle said, recounting his second-long conversation with the commander in chief. "He said, 'Thank you for your service,' and I said, 'You're welcome'."

Unlike the sergeant major of the Army, some Soldiers who are longtime NASCAR fans said that while they appreciate the Army's presence in NASCAR, they couldn't fathom dropping their favorite drivers to start rooting for Nemechek.

Nemechek understands, and acknowledged it may be tough — if not impossible — to pull such fans into his lane.

"It's hard to take any fans away from who they're committed to," Nemechek said. "But one thing they will have in common with me is the Army. And if I can get that car into victory lane, I can guarantee they'll be rooting for me."

## Winners' circle



*Courtesy photo*

**The Fort Stewart Liberty won first place in the Mite 8- to 10-Year-Old Girls' Basketball League at Stewart. Pictured are (left to right): Tamara Streeter, Ashlei McGown, Roykeisha Burnette, T'era Alston and Briana Morrow. Gwen Fitch and coaches Fred and Felecia Streeter are not pictured.**



*Courtesy photo*

**The Fort Stewart Sparks placed second in the Mite 8- to 10-Year-Old Girls' Basketball League at Stewart. Pictured are (clockwise from top left): Coach Petula Gomillion, Mariah Maternik, Simone May, Q'Dejah West, Roxie Stein, Shiann Washington and Brittany Gomillion. Coach Yonya Davenport is not pictured.**

# Newman Physical Fitness Center Aerobic Schedule

## Mondays

Latino Rhythm with Carmen (weights and tubing) 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.  
 Busy Feet Workout with Irma (cross training) 9 to 10 a.m.  
 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

## Tuesdays

Butts and Gutts with Carmen (weights and bars) 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.  
 Basic Training Workout with Irma (steps, body bars, weights, abdominal work, etc.) 9 to 10 a.m.  
 Cardio-Stepping 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

## Wednesdays

Caliente with Carmen (kick-boxing) 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.  
 Cardio Kick-boxing with Irma 9 to 10 a.m.  
 Step-Kicking with Irma (cardio kick-boxing/steps) 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

## Thursdays

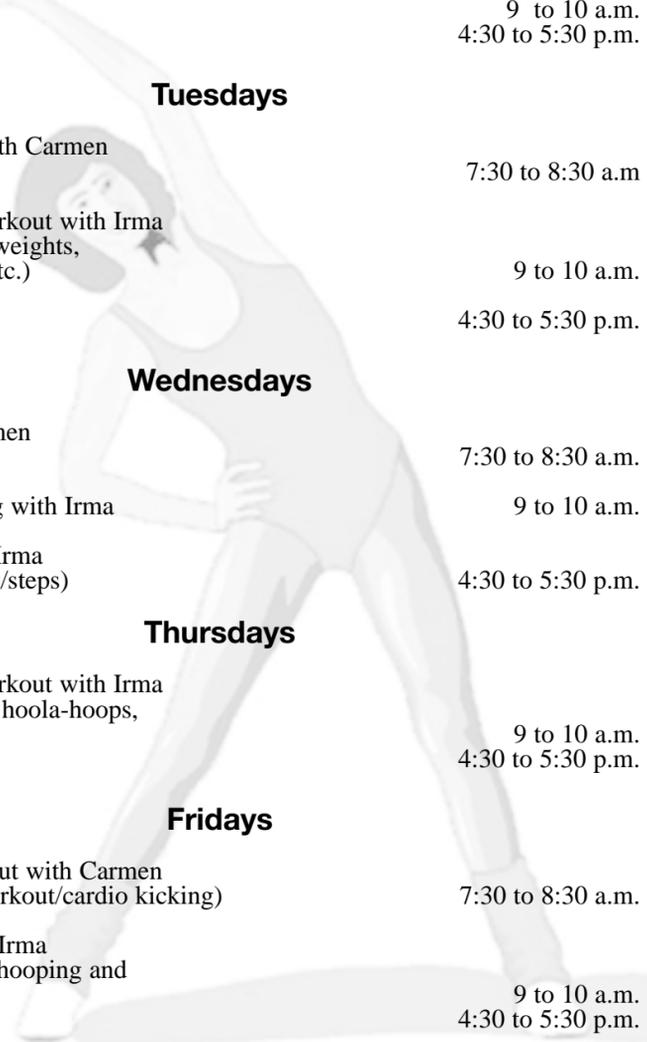
Basic Training Workout with Irma (Tubes, body bars, hoola-hoops, exercise balls) 9 to 10 a.m.  
 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

## Fridays

“Master C” Workout with Carmen (Buns & thighs workout/cardio kicking) 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.  
 Killer Friday with Irma (kicking, stepping, hooping and weights, etc.) 9 to 10 a.m.  
 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

## Saturdays

Pick Your Poison with Asha 9 to 10 a.m.



# Marne Scoreboard



## Basketball

### 2003 Stewart Intramural Basketball League

Scores

#### Feb. 10

MEDDAC 47, B Trp., 3/7 Cav. 40  
 92nd Eng. 2, C Btry., 1/39 FA 0 (forfeit)  
 HHC, 3/69 Armor 53, HHC, 24th CSG 52

#### Feb. 5

HHC, DISCOM 62, B Co., 123rd Sig. 60  
 103rd MI 56, 631st Maint. Co. 43

#### Monday

A Co., 3rd FSB 34, D Co., 10th Eng. 32  
 HHC, 3/68 Armor 43, 226th DS 38  
 HHC, 3/7 Inf. 55, B Co., 2/7 Inf. 40

### Standings

#### Southeastern Conference

Team	Won	Lost	Pct
Svc. Btry., 1/41 FA	10	0	1.000
A Co., 2/7 Inf.	8	1	.888
HHC, 1/41 FA	7	3	.700
B Co., 11th Eng.	6	3	.667
103rd MI Bn.	6	4	.600
B Co., 3/7 Inf.	3	5	.375
24th Fin. Co.	4	7	.364
C Btry., 1/41 FA	3	6	.333
3rd SSB	3	7	.300
631st Maint. Co.	3	6	.333
B Co., 703rd MSB	2	8	.200
B Btry., 1/9 FA	1	4	.200

#### Freedom Conference

Team	Won	Lost	Pct
2nd Bde. DFAC	6	0	1.000
HHC, 3/7 Inf.	8	0	1.000
A Btry., 1/41 FA	5	2	.714
HHC 3/69 Armor	5	2	.714
A Btry., 1/9 FA	2	1	.667
C Co., 3/7 Inf.	4	3	.571
223rd/ 87th CSB	3	3	.500
C Co., 123rd Sig.	1	1	.500
226th DS	3	4	.428
SJA	1	8	.111
15th ASOS	0	5	.000
B Co., 2/7 Inf.	0	7	.000

#### Atlantic Conference

Team	Won	Lost	Pct
HHC, 24th CSG	9	1	.900
MEDDAC	6	3	.667
92nd Eng.	5	3	.625
B Trp., 3/7 Cav.	3	2	.600
HHC, DIVARTY	4	5	.444
HHC, 3/69 Armor	4	5	.444
C Btry., 1/39 FA	3	5	.375
HHC, 4/64 Armor	3	5	.375
HHC, 10th Eng.	2	5	.286
HHC, 3ID	2	6	.250

#### Gulf Coast Conference

Team	Won	Lost	Pct
B Co. 3rd FSB	5	0	1.000
A Co., 3/7 Inf.	3	0	1.000
B Co., 123rd Sig.	2	1	.667
HHC, DISCOM	2	1	.667
D Btry., 1/3 ADA	3	3	.500
A Co., 3rd FSB	2	4	.333
D Co., 10th Eng.	1	3	.250
632nd Maint. Co.	1	3	.250
C Co., 703rd MSB	0	0	.000
A Trp., 3/7 Cav.	0	4	.000

#### 2003 Hunter Intramural Basketball League

Standings

#### Eastern Conference

Team	Won	Lost	Pct
DFAC	3	0	1.000
B Co., 603rd Avn.	1	0	1.000
A Co., 603rd ASB	2	1	.667
24th Ord. Co.	2	1	.667
3/160 SOAR	2	2	.500
416th Trans. Co.	1	1	.500
260th QM Co.	1	1	.500
2/3 Av.	1	2	.333
110th QM Co.	0	2	.000
559th QM Co.	0	3	.000

#### Western Conference

Team	Won	Lost	Pct
USMC	3	0	1.000
K Co., 159th Avn.	2	1	.667
B Co., 159th Avn.	2	1	.667
HSC, 603rd ASB	2	1	.667
USCG	1	1	.500
D Co., 1/58 Avn.	1	2	.333
512th QM Co.	1	2	.333
HHC, 1/3 Avn.	0	3	.000
110th QM Co.	0	4	.000

**Got scores?  
 Contact the Frontline staff at 767-3440.**